

# Lamplighter

“Believe. Belong. Be Sent”



Grafton Lutheran

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- MARCH 29** Palm Sunday  
9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt
- APRIL 2** Maundy Thursday  
7:00pm Worship
- APRIL 3** Good Friday  
7:00pm Worship
- APRIL 5** Easter Sunday  
10:00am Worship



### The GLC Youth are again hosting an Easter Egg Hunt Fundraiser

The youth will come and place Easter Eggs in your yard after dark so when the kids wake up Easter Sunday your yard will be covered with colorful candy filled eggs.

**Place your order by Palm Sunday (March 29) to have your house added to the list.**

You can drop a check off at the church or order online at:

[glcgrafton-easter-egg.square.site](http://glcgrafton-easter-egg.square.site)

- 25 eggs - \$25
- 50 eggs - \$50
- 75 eggs - \$75
- 100 eggs - \$100



March 8th

## Spring Forward

Don't Forget to Change Your Clock

+1 hour



March 29

## PALM SUNDAY

9:00am Sunday School Resumes  
Kids sing at 10:00am Worship

# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Choir	<b>4</b> 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30 pm JuBellation 5:30-6:15pm Wednesday Night "Sunday" School 6:00pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper (8th grade serves) 7:00pm Lenten Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Daylight Savings (move ahead 1 hour) 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 6:00pm Youth Group at Our Saviour's in Park River	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:30pm Choir	<b>11</b> 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30 pm JuBellation 5:30-6:15pm Wednesday Night "Sunday" School 6:00pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper (7th grade serves) 7:00pm Lenten Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Council meets	<b>17</b> 5:30pm Choir	<b>18</b> 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30 pm JuBellation 5:30-6:15pm Wednesday Night "Sunday" School 6:00pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper (5th grade serves) 7:00pm Lenten Worship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 6:00pm Youth Activity in Park River	<b>23</b> 9:00am Gather & Ruth Cireles will meet at Susie G.'s	<b>24</b> 5:30pm Choir	<b>25</b> 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30 pm JuBellation 5:30-6:15pm Wednesday Night "Sunday" School 6:00pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper (Youth serves) 7:00pm Lenten Worship	<b>26</b> 2:00pm Sunset Home Annual Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Palm Sunday</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Youth Brunch Fundraiser & Easter Egg Hunt	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

LAMPLIGHTER  
DEADLINE

## GLC Council Meeting – February 24, 2026

Present: Corrine, Preston, Stephanie, Janice, Tiffany, Ryer, Megan, Tom, Pastor Carter  
Preston brought the meeting to order at 6:45 PM  
Pastor Carter opened the meeting with a prayer.  
Review of January minutes - Motion, Megan ; Second, Corrine. Motion passes.

### **Pastor's Report**

Pr. Carter is wrapping up confirmation and has moved into Lent season. During this Lent season, Pr. Brooke, Pr. Kayla, and Pr. Carter will be alternating churches and implementing a sermon series.

### **Treasurer's Review of Income and Expense**

January Offering - \$18,342  
YTD Offering - \$18,342  
January Expenses - \$26,259  
YTD Total Expenses - \$26,259  
YTD Total Income - \$18,545

Nick, Wanda, and Pr. Carter met to discuss the possibility of changing banks and investments and the \$30,000 for improvements (Nygard fund). As far as investments, Nick and Wanda would like to have 40% of the budget in checking or savings which mean we will be investing approximately \$50,000 from savings into a CD. New banking options will be looked at this summer.

Nygard Estate:  
\$20,000 to Lutheran Sunset Home  
\$100,000 into a CD at First United Bank for 12 months (3.72%)  
\$82,644.71 into a CD at Choice for 9 months (3.8%)

Tom made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and distribution of funds; Megan, second.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Employee Handbook Revision - Exec Committee  
Plan to have something drafted by spring  
Narthex Door Quote

We have heard very positive reviews about the company we received our quote from. Bethel has used them along with other businesses in town. As we have been discussing replacing the front doors, there have been a few requests to also upgrade the alley door to a door that has a push bar. Ryer will get a quote to replace the door in the alley and we will revisit.

### **New Business:**

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Christian Education**

Wednesday school has started. The snowstorm hindered attendance. We are still in need of a 3rd grade teacher. 12 students went skiing on Sunday. A special thank you to Carissa Klug and Jessie Johnson for taking them.

##### **Properties Committee**

The leaky roof is an ongoing issue. Discussion of options and the reality that we know that we are going to have leaks when it melts and when we have ice jams.

##### **Music**

The bell choir and the choir are alternating Sundays and Wednesdays. The band will play on 15th of March. We are excited to have two new members in the bell choir.

##### **Lay Ministry**

GLC received thank yous from the Gene Anderson family and from Friendship for the use of the kitchen for Giving Hearts Day.

#### **Sacristy - Communion Ware**

Ryer and Pr. Carter met - A lot of ideas were thrown out from adding just a dishwasher to changing the layout of the sacristy. Tom made a motion to go ahead with ordering the whole communion ware set and a dishwasher; Corrine second.

## Sound Hookup for Hearing Aids

It was asked if we can add a Bluetooth option into our sound board so people with hearing aids can hook up to it. This is something that was approved by Council a few years back but was never purchased. Pr. Carter will order.

## Communion Date(s) and Leaders:

March 1 - Megan  
March 8 - Stephanie  
March 15 - Janice  
March 22 - Corrine  
March 29 - Tiffany

Lamplighter Deadline is February 25, 2026

The next council meeting is Monday, March 16 at 6:30.

Stephanie made a motion to adjourn; Janice, Second, followed by the Lord's Prayer at 7:55 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stephanie Baldwin



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[Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com)

**Thrivent members remember you have until March 31 to direct your Choice Dollars.**

### By phone:

- Step 1**—Call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say “Thrivent Choice.”
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# Memorial Gifts

## Sunday School Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Gene Anderson by:
  - ◇ Kande Koehmstedt
  - ◇ Ray & Linda Rud
  - ◇ Dick & Susie Geiger
  - ◇ Eileen Peterson
  - ◇ David & Pam Peterson
  - ◇ Janet & Gary Berger
  - ◇ Lana Welter
  - ◇ Philip & Rachel Ray
  - ◇ Pam Oosterwijk
  - ◇ Karen Ray
  - ◇ Kirk & Nancy Misialek

## Youth Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Gene Anderson by:
  - ◇ Jason & Michelle Flanders
  - ◇ Bill & Sheryl Jahraus

## Undesignated Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Gene Anderson by:
  - ◇ Katherine Houser
  - ◇ Jason & Carrie Huwe
  - ◇ Dean & Kris Molde
  - ◇ Dale & Joyce Boeddeker
  - ◇ Robert & Luanne Honkola
  - ◇ Eric & Julie Simons
  - ◇ Paula Suda
  - ◇ Berry & Leah Kingsbury
  - ◇ Dennis & Joy Bucholtz
  - ◇ Bryan & Jane Uggerud
  - ◇ Gene & Rondee Feltman
  - ◇ Marilyn Burckhard
  - ◇ Jim & Jan Aasand
  - ◇ Ryer & Katie Stark
  - ◇ Tammy Henriksen
  - ◇ Judith LeClerc
  - ◇ Jim & Norma Rystedt
  - ◇ Devin & Kim Droog
  - ◇ Betty Feltman, Dean Feltman
  - ◇ Marilyn Baumann
  - ◇ Brian & Ranell Hanson
  - ◇ Dave & Liz Hanson
  - ◇ Nichole Morris

## Cemetery Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Gene Anderson by:
  - ◇ Janice Fallico
  - ◇ George Loranger
  - ◇ Kristan & Darrin Demers
  - ◇ Betty Jo Misialek
  - ◇ Dolf & Luann Oldenburg

## Deacon's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Gene Anderson by:
  - ◇ Elaine Broker
  - ◇ Jerry & Karen Blanchard
  - ◇ Ed & Stacie Sevigny
  - ◇ Maike & Jan Erlandson

## Quilters Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Gene Anderson  
by Sheila Bjerneby

## Capital Improvement's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Gene Anderson by:
  - ◇ Kristi Longtin
  - ◇ Rod & Judy Alme
  - ◇ Glora Halliday

## Music & Worship Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Cynthia Pic  
by Mary Dvorak
- ◆ In memory of Pat Gillespie  
by Keith & Joleen Bjerneby

## Lay Ministry Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Monica Rudnik  
by Mavis & Mike Sevigny
- ◆ In memory of Gene Anderson  
by Mavis & Mike Sevigny

*Thank you!*

## QUILTERS ARE COLLECTING THESE ITEMS DURING LENT



**x1**

One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended



**x2 OR 3**

Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel-size bars



**x1**

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*



**x1**

One sturdy comb, remove packaging



**x1**

One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

\*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

March's  
Mission of the Month  
will be collected for  
Domestic Violence Center



GLC WANTS YOU TO APPLY FOR OUR  
**SCHOLARSHIPS**

2 - \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE  
2 - \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Get your applications at:  
graftonlutheran.com

Lay Ministry - 2 (\$1,000)  
Margaret Egeland - 1 (\$500)  
Ruby Schrank - 1 (\$500)  
*(For those attending Concordia)*

Please turn in your applications by  
April 1, 2026

### 2026 Wednesday, Lenten Sign Up for Confirmation Students

Wednesday	Ash Wednesday 2/18/26	2/25/26	3/4/26	3/11/26	3/18/26	3/25/26
Groeter/Offering	Grindahl	Wes	Rovan Medoery			
Groeter/Offering	Grindahl	Jack				
Usher 1	Noah Anderson	Harper Koehmstedt	Noah Anderson	Keston Kraft	Laila Thiele	Keegan Ray
Usher 2	Mason Eng	Averi Sangait	Wes Johnson	Max Otterson	Keegan Ray	Stella Paulson
Acolyte	Max Otterson	Julia				
Acolyte		Ashlyn				
Sound/Live Broadcast	Sawyer (Emery will assist)					

Those who sign up for communion  
please be at the church by 6pm to  
help set up



<https://tinyurl.com/2026GLCInt>

# Circle

Gather  
Circle meets  
Mon. March. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00am at  
Susie G.'s

Ruth Circle  
will meet with the  
Gather Circle

This year we are asking that you  
let Susie in the office know if you  
want more offering envelopes by  
calling 352-2638 or stop by and she  
will make them up while you wait.

Your Name  
# 000

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

## Thrivent Action Teams

Pick a project and start a  
team today!

Approved projects receive seed money  
toward a fundraising event, building supplies,  
and other start up costs.

Contact Luke Holt for more  
info 701-360-7080



**THRIVENT**  
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## APRIL'S FAITH & CARE GROUP #5

Laurie Allmaras  
Dean & Joanne Bjerneby  
Josh & Patti Bjerneby  
Keith & Joleen Bjerneby  
Matt Clapp  
Anne Collette  
Stephanie Collette  
Devin & Kim Droog  
Darcie Einarson  
Seri & Jonathan Gerszewski  
Jeremy & Laura Glanner  
Inez Hall  
Gloria Halliday  
Brian & Ranell Hanson  
Duane & Jessica Johnson  
Cathy & Lynn Johnson  
Dr. Joseph & Janice Kern

Evan & Carissa Klug  
John & Tammy Lunde  
Brian & Dawn Lunski  
Kayla Lunski  
Karen McCann  
Barb Muckenhirn  
Robert Oihus  
Derek & Heidi Paulson  
Mackenzie Paulson  
Valerie Rice  
Dr. Myron Scheflo  
Cheryl Schrank  
Stacie & Edward Sevigny  
Dylan & Paige Sundby  
Chris & Jennifer Thompson  
Kent & Peppi Trontvet  
Bonnie & Dean Yantes

### *Meet Our Newest Member*



*Baptized  
February 22, 2026*

***Rory Philip Collette***

*Parents: Evan & Stephanie Collette*

*Sponsors: Paige & Dylan Sundby,  
Kameron & Anne Collette*

# Acolyte

## Sign Up

We are still looking for  
Volunteers for the Sunday  
Acolyte Schedule.



### *March's Acolyte Schedule*

March 1			
March 8			
March 15			
March 22	Emsley Wynne		
March 29			Palm Sunday

*Volunteers needed*

## FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #5

APRIL'S MINISTRY AREAS NEEDED:  
**Greeters, Bell Ringer, Ushers, Lectors,  
Communion Servers & Runners,  
Coffee Servers.**

**Your Faith & Care group  
will no longer have a fixed time  
to meet & for people to sign up.**

You can either call the church office at  
**352-2638 or Sign-up online.**

Just go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/FaithandCare5>

Or scan the QR code:

There you can fill in  
the jobs you would  
like to help with.  
If you have any  
questions please  
call Susie in the  
church office.



Thank you  
to all the members of February's  
Faith & Care Group and to  
**Mari Swartz**  
for being the chairperson.  
Your time and service to  
GLC is greatly appreciated!

### In need of prayers or a visit?

If you or a family member are hospitalized,  
**please call the church office (352-2638)  
or Pr. Carter (701-425-7041)**

When contacting the church,  
you can request a visit,  
public prayers, prayers from the prayer chain,  
or relay information and ask for prayers  
exclusively from the pastor.

*(The specific problem does not need to be  
shared. Prayers can be requested for healing,  
strength, comfort, etc.)*

**Grafton Lutheran Church**

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# Lamp lighter

March 2026

## Times of Worship & Fellowship

### Sundays:

9:00am Sunday School (March 29)

10:00am Worship

11:00am Coffee & Fellowship

### Wednesdays:

9:00am Quilters Meet

5:30 pm JuBellation

5:30-6:15pm Wednesday Night "Sunday" School

6:00pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper

7:00pm Lenten Worship

### DONATIONS/MEMORIAL FUNDS

- Capital Improvements
- Bible Camp Camperships
- Choir/Music
- Deacon's
- Broadcast
- Bell Choir
- Youth
- Quilters
- Cemetery
- Sunday School
- Music for Worship

### MISSION SUPPORT MEMORIALS

- ELCA World Hunger
- PRBC Support
- Synod Support
- Concordia Support
- Christus Rex Support
- Grafton Ministerial Support
- Grafton Conference Support
- Lutheran Sunset Home Support